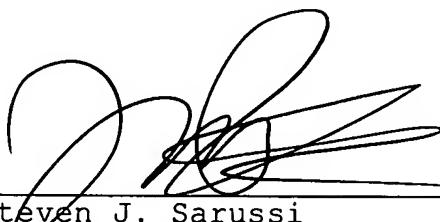


Remarks

Claims 1 and 14 have been amended. Claims 7 and 8 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended in view of the Examiner's request for a subgenus of manageable scope and Applicant's election of the species of Example 24. The claims have not been amended to address any issues of patentability, although Applicants submit that the amended claims are free of the prior art mentioned by The Examiner on page 2 of the Action, i.e., U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0128255. These amendments are made without prejudice to the filing of continuing applications. Further, all the amendments are supported by the original claims and specification.

Applicants urge the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 913-0001 if he believes a discussion would expedite prosecution of this application.

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